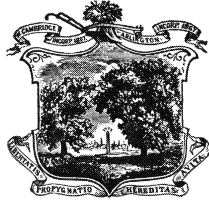


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The Minutes of the Arlington Cemetery Commission  
August 22, 2013

Present: Commissioners Michele Hassler, Bill McCarthy, Gloria Turkall and  
Jason Jones, Cemetery Supervisor

The notice for this meeting was posted on Monday, August 19, 2013.  
The meeting began at 9:15 am

1. Events of the last meeting on August 14, 2013 were reviewed.
2. Minutes of the last meeting were not approved. Revisions will be done by Chairperson Michele Hassler and sent around for feedback. Approval will be voted on at the meeting in September.
3. The Open Meeting Law Complaint filed by Mr. Stephen Harrington on August 15, 2013 was reviewed. It alleges that Chairperson Michele Hassler and Commissioner Bill McCarthy violated the law, with two accusations against the Chair and one against Bill. Specifics of the complaint were discussed and the actual facts of the situation were agreed upon regarding details and how to go about responding. Correspondence was reviewed from Town Counsel Juliana Rice with suggestions to help the Commission write the response. The Chair will write the response to address the complaint within the 14 days allowed. The response is due by September 5<sup>th</sup>.
4. The Commission and everyone present reviewed the Open Meeting Laws, The MA Cemetery Laws, Executive Session procedures, The Guide for Access to Public Records, and the Legal Handbook for Employees, Elected Officials, and Members of Town Boards, Committees and Commissions.

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5. The Avery Family bought a flat marker to put on the Downie Family grave in addition to the Downie marker without first seeking permission from the Commissioners as stated in the cemetery regulations. Historically these are requests the Commission typically denies. Jean will write a letter to the family outlining their options. The DeVito Funeral Home had dropped off the stone for the family. The Chair requested that the stone be safely put away until the family can come pick it up.
6. No deeds were signed
7. The next meeting is September 11, 2013 at 9 am
8. The meeting ended at 10:47am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Smith  
Chair, Michele Hassler

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